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S E C R E T DJIBOUTI 234

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SUBJ: FRENCH MAKE DEMARCHE IN JIDDA ON ALI MIRAH PROBLEM

REF: DJIBOUTI 199 (NOTAL)

1. PROVIDED STRONG INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS ON SUBJECT
OF POSSIBLE ALI MIRAH RETURN TO DJIBOUTI, FRENCH EMBASSY
IN JIDDA REPORTED ON 21 FEBRUARY OF MEETING WITH SAUDI FORMIN
DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS (NAME UNAVAILABLE HERE). FORMIN
OFFICIAL WAS TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT RETURN
OF SULTAN ALI MIRAH TO DJIBOUTI WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE
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EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE TO RESTORE UNITY TO COUNTRY AND TO
ACCOMMODATE ETHIOPIA.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY JIDDA INDICATES THAT SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY
AWARE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS BUT THAT NO ONE DARES DISAGREE
WITH PET PROJECT OF PRINCE FAHD.

3. DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED HAS TOLD ONE OF ALI MIRAH'S SONS IN DJIBOUTI THAT HE WOULD PREFER THAT HIS FATHER NOT RETURN TO DJIBOUTI AT THIS PRESENT TIME.

4. THE TWO SONS OF ALI MIRAH HAVE INSISTED IN PAST THAT THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN DJIBOUTI DOMESTIC POLITICS. GIVEN FACT THAT RETURN TO DJIBOUTI OF CHEHAM DAOUD AND COMPANY WOULD ELIMINATE THE LAST REFUGE OF THE ALI MIRAH PEOPLE IN AFAR ZONE THEY PROBABLY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY CONTINUING PLANS TO RETURN TO DJIBOUTI.

5. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION FROM JIDDA THAT VISIT MAY BE CIRCUMVENTED.

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